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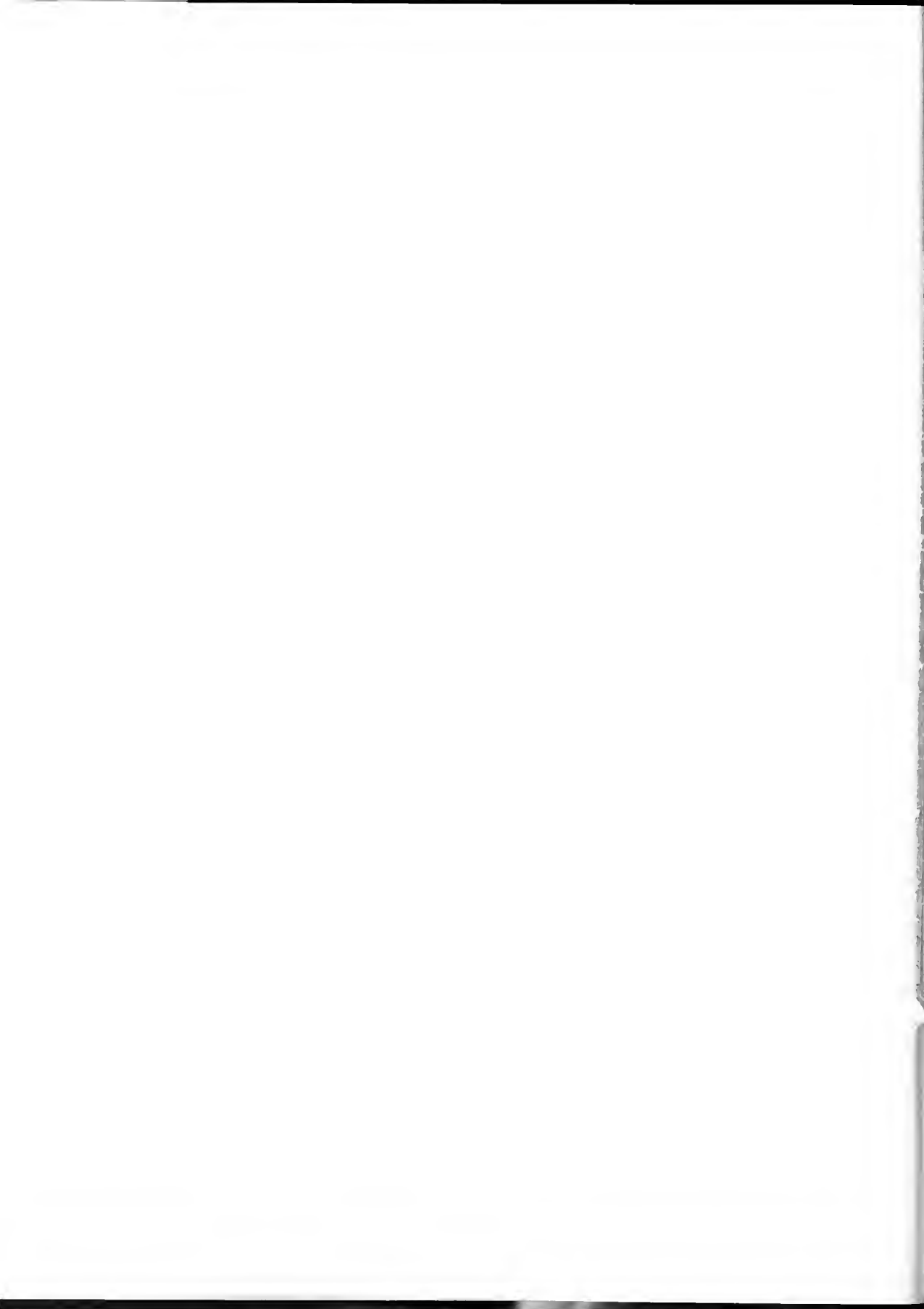


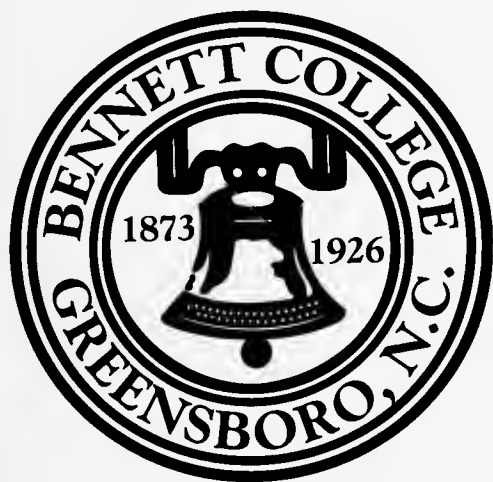
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A SEASON OF CHANGE

The glory of a rose is marred by the Fall and Winter chill. Its beauty and splendor stunted by the cold seasons' inevitable return. This fall from grace is only temporary however. Spring will bring change, conceiving a rose whose glory and splendor will span the vast expanse of many seasons.

So too, we have been through a series of changes at Bennett College. Our seasons of glory and splendor have been rendered dormant by cold seasons of struggle and uncertainty. Yet, like the life of a rose, our beauty will manifest itself in due time. In its season, our endurance will produce tenacious thorns that will burst through the unyielding soil giving way to a budding rose.

The lovely ladies of Bennett College are matriculating through this great institution with the hope that their knowledge will shine like the noonday. We are all expecting, expecting the vision we have conceived to come to pass. Each Belle enters the Bennett sisterhood with the understanding that they have joined a circle of women whose seeds of destiny have bloomed and are a testimony to the fact that their own seeds will take root and yield a harvest.

We know our Spring is imminent. Our labor has not been in vain. The nurture, nourishment, and pruning we have experienced is evidence that our perfection is being wrought and that the sunlight is not far away. To all of our toil and rest; our trial and triumph; our victory and defeat, we say thank you. Thank you for preparing us to give birth to a Legacy!

STUDENT LIFE

THE WAY WE DO IT

These are the moments of our lives. Student Life on an all-female campus has been questioned since the beginning of time. They wondered how women could entertain themselves without the presence of testosterone surrounding them. Well...we have proven to the rest of the college world that it is possible. There is life on a single sex campus! It is possible to enjoy a day without wondering if *he* noticed you while had our good times. There were many questioned our There were many pledged our loyalty Bennett." From out at our favorite have found many academic stress outside of the classroom.



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These are the moments of our lives; they are the events that are not placed in the official college catalog. These are the faces that express the emotions a Belle encounters daily on the "yard." These are the spirits of the Phenomenal Bennett Belles.





WELCOME, WELCOME WELCOME

In previous years, returning students have not felt welcomed when the campus officially opened in August. This school year, SGA decided to try a new approach to the beginning of the academic year. "Welcome Back Week" was a way for the Bennett Community to celebrate learning. From popcorn to deep conversation, "Welcome Back Week" allowed returning students the opportunity to embrace each other before the books had to be cracked open.



This is the primary use of men on our campus.



Claudia and Ayodele are ready for the camera while April seems to be caught by surprise.



Karen and Claudia share thoughts about their upcoming senior year.



As you can see, it takes a whole village to move a Belle!



SGA president and Miss Bennett take a minute to pose for the camera.



Monica and Claudia listen carefully to what Karen has to say.



Who wouldn't want to throw chocolate pudding in Karen's face?

WHEN WE WERE QUEENS

MONICA GAYMON CROWNED MISS BENNETT COLLEGE FOR 2001-02

Poised and graceful, Monica is
an example of the Bennett Ideal

Monica Gaymon begins to think
about the awesome responsibility
of representing the women of
Bennett College.



Her Royal Highness, Miss
Bennett College, Monica
Gaymon, escorted by her
grandfather, cherishes this
evening of elegance.





Ms. Psi Chi, Carlotta Mitchell is perfectly purple, with smiles for days.

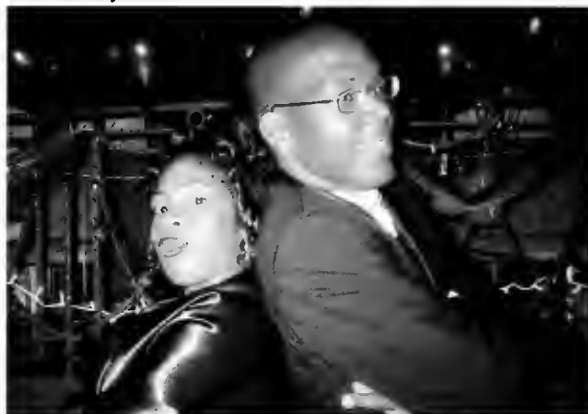


Her sky is never gray! Ms. Royal Blue & White, Claudia Pearson, has a joy that lights up everyone's life.



The 2001-2002 Bennett College Coronation of Monica P. Gaymon, was held in the Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel. The event was held during October and included several weeks of anticipation and preparation. Not only do current students at Bennett

College participate in the celebration, but alumnae and other friends of the institution enjoy the ceremony. The crowning of Miss Bennett College has long been highly regarded within this close knit community.



Every year a number of women are chosen to represent Bennett College as queen of their organization, department, or class. This year was no exception. From Miss Bennett College, Monica Gaymon, to Miss National Council of Negro Women, Monique Rembert, we were all proud to be



A secret smile flows over Monica's face as she realizes that this is her first walk as Ms. Bennett College.

Showing her pride and joy, Miss UNCF, April Astrop, is all smiles for the camera.



represented by these ladies. Bennett College has a long history of producing women of excellence from every walk of life. Queen Monica Gaymon and her royal court extended their welcome to the collegiate community for two days of elegance and recognition.



Mr. and Mrs. Collins enjoy the evening.

Tiffany Bowe stole the show!

CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE 101



SGA President April McNeill and Vice-President Monica Hunt read the demands of the students, emphasizing "The time is now..."



The Belles rally in the chapel to support Mr. Collins and to say, "Enough is enough! We do have a voice!"



"Sorry Miss. Do you think we we're joking?
We shall not be moved!"
Students link-up and lock out workers from
the Race Administration Hall.

We shall not be moved until we are heard.
Link up ladies.



HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET?



The Collins are obviously touched by the students' support; however, they advise students to exercise wisdom when making their decisions.



Grass half cut, bookstore unstocked, and dorms which epitomized condemned housing, this description has captured the essence of Bennett Life for the past 3 years. However, on July 1st, all this changed. When the school received a new president, with that president, a burden was lifted. The students saw well manicured grass greenery, the book store became a bona fide shopping experience and the dorms...the dorms seemed like we were "moving on up."

Therefore, when students discovered that the person who was responsible for many of these changes was resigning due to pressures from various outside sources, they mobilized on November 1, 2001. With the intent of making their collective voices heard, they gathered in the chapel to express a simple message: What Students Want Matters Most. Rallying in the chapel, SGA vocalized the demands of the collective body, "Forget the politics, keep Mr. Collins and bring the Board of Trustees to campus for a 'little chat'." Consequently, as cries and outrage were ignored, the students decided to be seen and not heard. Subsequently, they exited the chapel and linked up around the Race Administration Building not allowing anyone in or out.



Shayla West stands in support of Mr. Collins, "Keep the change."

A link of brotherly love Following a victorious defeat over Kentucky State University, the Men of Morehouse join arms and commemorate their Homecoming triumph by singing their alma mater.



Bennett Belles are dancing Belles! Belles display their after-seven best. They are dressed to impress. Look out Morehouse College Coronation Ball, we are stepping out in a big way.



We are definitely Morehouse material. Two Morehouse brothers show their school spirit by sporting Morehouse paraphernalia.

Are we there yet? Two bus loads of Bennett Belles make their way to Atlanta for the Morehouse Homecoming trip. Movies, singing, and "cutting up," kept the morale high during the long and tiring journey



A KINSHIP THAT WILL NEVER DIE

The Annual Trip to Morehouse College Once Again, It's On!

What do you get when you mix two bus loads of Phenomenal women, the beautiful city of Atlanta Georgia, and a pack of maroon and white tigers? Do you get a chaotic and desperate plea for help? No, you get the annual Bennett College trip to the Morehouse College Homecoming. This year's trip was filled with a plethora of spectacular events.

After a lengthy bus ride to the great city of Atlanta, Georgia, the Belles were enthusiastically welcomed by the SGA of Morehouse College. A special meet and greet with our Morehouse brothers was



Morehouse Madness! A Morehouse man gets wild and crazy in support of the Morehouse Tigers.

given in our honor. This was just the tip of the iceberg.

Later that night, the Belles dressed in their finest formal attire for the Coronation, at the Kings Chapel, on the campus of Morehouse College. The theme of the Coronation was "2020". One was to catch a glimpse into the future from a "non-blind" perspective. It was stressed that "perfect vision" was needed in order to make a successful arrival into the twenty-first century.

Several dance, musical, and theatrical performances were featured during the Coronation. Various student-run club and organization kings and queens were also introduced to the audience. The Phenomenal women of Bennett College were acknowledged as the "sister-school, and special guests," of Morehouse College. Miss Bennett College, Monica Gaymon, and her royal court captivated the audience with their grace and charm. Ms. Tamara Phelps, a mass communications major who introduced the BC royal court, summed it up best when she stated, "Morehouse College. Bennett College. Know your history!" The statement was well received by the Bennett Belles in attendance, the presence of Phenominal women was definitely felt. Miss Maroon and White was crowned soon after.

A Coronation ball at the Hyatt Regency Ballroom in downtown Atlanta followed the Coronation ceremony. The Belles danced the night away. After a long night of dancing, the Belles got up early to support the Bennett College SGA in the Morehouse Homecoming parade.

The tailgate party was enjoyed by all, but when the tigers call, they roar, and people listen. Another Morehouse

Homecoming game was yet underway. Fans, friends, alumni, and of course their Bennett College sisters flooded the stands. Kentucky State University had no chance, they had nothing on the Morehouse Tigers!

A Greek step show, hosted by D.J. Kid Capri, followed the game. The winners were the steppers of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. of Spelman College, and the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. of Morehouse College. After the step show, Bennett Belles either attended Morehouse Homecoming after-parties or just relaxed and reflected on the day's events at the hotel. The next morning, the Belles loaded the chartered buses and went on a shopping trip to the Lenex Mall. Friendships, memories, and relationships were made on this significant trip to our brother school. Bennett College and Morehouse College must keep the legacy of brotherhood and sisterhood ablaze in order for our kinship to survive and thrive far into the future.



Miss Bennett College and some Belles strike a pose with several Morehouse brothers during the Bennett College/ Morehouse College Meet and Greet, held soon after the Belles arrival to Atlanta.

A NEW BEGINNING

Bennett Athletics gained a unique charisma this fall. This magnetism had everything to do with the hiring of Former NBA player and Duke University basketball legend, Gene Banks, as Director of Athletics. Mr. Banks took the campus by storm when, with a dynamic vision and a sincere desire to make that vision a reality, he organized a group of phenomenal young women that were ready to play ball despite the fact that it was rather late in the season.

Under Mr. Banks' leadership the once dilapidated gym was renovated just in time to welcome the Spelman Jaguars to Belle territory. The entire Bennett Community gathered for a pre-game pep rally in an awesome display of support and camaraderie. The campus was burning with spirit like never before!!

At the end of the day, the scoreboard did not read victory, but the Bennett Community knew the entire season was a point for the win column.



"Ahhh man. I hate these kinds of situations. I wish the gym hadn't been ready in time for the game," Kaisha thinks to herself.



"We've been working around the clock in order to have the gym ready for the Spelman game...whoever Spelman is."



The Spelman Jaguars are giving the Belles a hard time. "Belles, hustle down the court," screams Rose.





I wonder what he's thinking... "You stick to taking pictures and I'll hold the ball," Coach Banks thinks out loud.

The gym's makeover is in its final stages. Now it's time to clean-up.



"Hey April, I thought you said we were suppose to paint our faces for the pep rally" asks Claudia. "Claudia, I said YOU were painting YOUR face for the pep rally. I already have enough school spirit," April exclaims.

Sharon Fryar and Mrs. Pitt aren't the least bit worried about the Spelmanites. The same can't be said about the rest of the crowd.

BELLES GIVE SOMETHING BACK

A major part of leaving a legacy involves a commitment to making others a part of the vision. Bennett women understand that to gain knowledge is futile if that knowledge is not shared with others. From walking for AIDS, to mentoring, to after school tutoring, Bennett Belles go out of their way to make their education functional and relevant to the needs of others.

The commitment Belles have to serve is inspired by the example set by others. UNCF has played an integral role in Bennett's mission to educate phenomenal women. Annually, UNCF contribute thousands of dollars in an effort to give Bennett students access to an invaluable resource, a college education.

The UNCF Golf Tournament has been Bennett's way of encouraging the Greensboro community to embrace this vision as well as an opportunity for Belles to prove that they GOT GAME." Lomax Construction Company sponsored this year's tournament.



The Bennett College Administration gloat as their crushed opponents look on with envy.



"Good shot on 13. Next time don't forget to follow through," says Dr. Collins. "Thanks for the tip Althia," replies the honoree.



The Campus queens take a victory shot with President Collins, the reigning UNCF Golf Tournament Mixed Teams Champion.



Avian West's proteges are vying for her attention. "I don't think she's doing that right," says the handsome fellow on the right.



Belles wind down after long day of volunteering at Pathways.



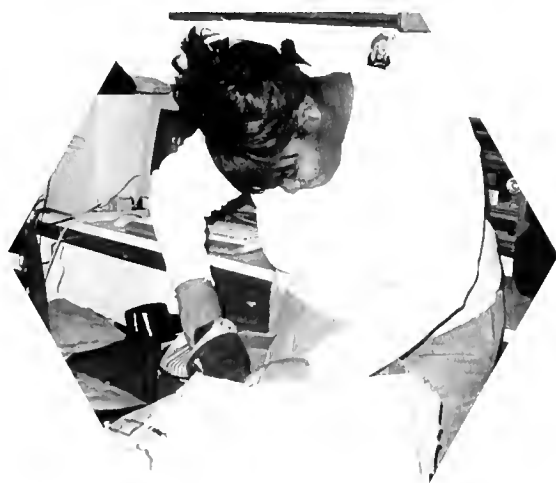
The Zetas sacrifice their time, energy, and body heat as they walk for AIDS.



Chavis Library Presents...Joy Scott, the reading wonder!! "I sure wish my teacher read books this way," thought the little girl to herself.



What am I wearing to the club ... Oh, I mean class today," Lauren asks her closet.



"I wonder if grandma sent a car in the care package this time," exclaims, Shavon, the eager Bennett Belle



"Dang Monica, can you pull my hair any tighter," screams Joell.



Anybody up for a late night cram?

DORM LIFE/CAFE LIFE



Crystal tells Shavon, "You are going to eat this food whether you like it or not!"



"You know lunch is starting to be something to smile about," proclaims Shana.

Homemade concoctions, pseudo beauticians, fighting roommates, shower stealers, junky rooms, late night study sessions, and all girl movie nights are just a few experiences that define dorm life. Belles would not have the full college experience without the chaos of living in the dorms.

One of the inescapable tragedies of dorm life is... eating in the cafe. There are always surprises in the cafe menu. One never knows what drama may unfold on the plates or in the middle of the night once they have returned to the dorm. Mystery meat is usually the surprise during the dining hours; such realities make dorm life and the cafe experience somewhat intertwined. In fact, at Bennett college dorm eating utensils are so graciously supplied by our very own cafeteria.



Sometimes students sleepwalk to the cafe.

"Maybe you can tell me where to find some men around here,"
Amanda Henley.

Jahi, a consortium student
exclaims, "Thank God other
brothers haven't caught on!!"



"I tried to be down with the Belles but I
couldn't get pass security," is Derrick's
testimony.



They just found out that there
will be boys on campus today.

WHERE DA BOYS AT?

In 1926 when Bennett College was reorganized as a women's institution the founders probably never imagined that not only would male students would be non-existent, but that male visitors would be totally non-existent also. The number of men has fluctuated throughout the years. From the many men on the steps of Pfeiffer Hall in the 70's to



"Can you blame me," Jahi asks.

the few held up at the security house in the 90's. During the birth of this legacy men have eased their way back into the way of life at Bennett College.

Men, men, men, everywhere is probably a dream of many students at Bennett, but the fact of the matter is that Belles really do interact with men on a regular basis. It may be hard to get on campus, but men will show up at every event hosted by the Belles. The annual Spring Fest cookout is probably the best representation of men's desires to be on campus. The Quad is always packed to the max and houses an array of different type of men. It is so amazing to see the amount of men that are so interested in getting to know the best kept secrets in Greensboro.

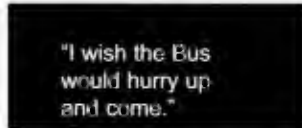
The other way into the campus of Bennett College is through taking classes through the consortium. The only bad thing is, not so many men have caught on to the game. If it were known that a man could get on campus legally by taking classes, registration would be closed before any women could fill it up. Nevertheless, whether taking consortium classes or just coming to a social event on campus, men will make it their mission to become apart of the World of Bennett Women.



"Please Bennett College can we come in," cry the BC outcasts.

LIFE AROUND CAMPUS

There seemed to be a sense of peace while standing on the steps of the chapel and looking out on the Quad. Students transitioning from the life in the dorm to the life in the classroom is one that can not happen unless it is connected by the life on the Quad. The Quad houses everything from the screams of friendship; to roommates conversing by the flagpole; to students standing on Gorrell Street while waiting to catch the bus. Quad life is the highlight of every Belle's day to day routine.



"I wish the Bus
would hurry up
and come."



Students converse around the flagpole, a common
conversation site.





Timiya Greenfield displays common "threads" around campus

"Don't wanna be harassed by security meet me on Gorrell Street," says someone's male friend.



Students frequently check e-mail at the newly provided computers in the student union

A typical day on the Quad.

ACADEMICS

FOCUSING ON EXCELLENCE

Bennett College is a private, United Methodist Church-affiliated four-year liberal arts institution that is devoted to providing the best educational opportunities to the future leaders of tomorrow. The goal of Bennett College is to maintain its distinction as an institution of higher learning that offers women an educational environment that is conducive to excellence in scholarly pursuits, service to the community, and preparation for leadership roles.

Bennett College offers a quality education, specialized training, and various research opportunities through the Department of Professional Studies, the Department of

Humanities, and the Department of Sciences. Bennett College confers the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Interdisciplinary Studies and the Bachelor of Social Work.

The college seeks to bring together a globally diverse administration, faculty and staff that

faculty, and staff realize that in order for a student to realize their full potential they must provide the students with the opportunity to

develop not only educational skills, but a value system and philosophy that they can use

in and outside the classroom. The faculty provides students with opportunities designed to aid them in the development of a greater sensitivity to social issues; creating a positive attitude towards problem solving; and providing life-long learning experiences for the Phenomenal Belle's to use beyond their experiences at Bennett College. The overall teaching and learning endeavors at Bennett College instill excellence in performance and are the foundation for the achievement of the college's mission and educational goals.





HUMANITIES

The purpose of the Department of Humanities is to empower students as critical thinkers and participating citizens in pursuit of truth, beauty, spirituality, social justice and global leadership. The Department includes : English and Foreign Languages; Mass Communications, Speech and Theatre; Music; Visual Arts and Humane Studies; History; Interdisciplinary Studies and Women's Studies programs. The Department embraces the following values: commitment to human expression and creativity, promotion of honesty, integrity and scholarship, excellence in holistic instruction and rigorous academic standards. These values form the foundation for the creation of humanities scholars who value human expression and behaviors, are prepared to be competitive candidates in graduate school or their chosen careers, and

deliver to diverse communities leadership skills based upon humanistic values.

The Department faculty holds that its envisioned future is to become internationally recognized for producing premiere, quality undergraduate humanities scholars. The faculty members of the Department are committed to broadening their own exploration, professional experiences, creativity, methods of teaching, diversity in modes of evaluation, research and scholarship.

In keeping with the mission of Bennett College, the Department encourages, promotes and supports opportunities for undergraduate research, professional development, summer experiences, study or travel abroad, career oriented writing, presentations and community service.



MASS COMMUNICATIONS SPEECH, AND THEATRE

The Speech and Theatre program offers a B.A. degree in Mass Communications. The program is dedicated to training students for careers in print and electronic communications, as well as providing a solid foundation for graduate study.

Students may concentrate their study in one of the three sequences: Print Journalism, Broadcast Production, and Broadcast Journalism. The expanding technology has created career opportunities in satellite and cable operations as well as non-broadcast communications which includes industrial training and corporate communication.

MUSIC

The Music program is designed to prepare students for careers in performance, private teaching, and for graduate school. The Music Education program is designed to prepare students to teach music in the elementary and secondary schools. The Music Management program is designed to prepare students for careers in the field of arts management with special emphasis on music and management. A minor in Music is offered through departmental approval. The Music Department also offers private lessons in voice, piano, organ, stringed, woodwind, and brass instruments, group lessons in piano and voice, and ensemble experience at the beginning and advanced level to students.



VISUAL ARTS

Students majoring in Visual Arts Studio concentrate in printmaking, three-dimensional art forms or painting in preparation for graduate school, careers as freelance artists, designers, illustrators and other art related professions. Core foundation courses are required in design, art appreciation, art history and complete upper level and advanced studies in drawing, painting, printmaking and independent studio and an internship in the specific concentration area. A senior exhibit is required of all studio majors.

The Visual Arts Management major offers options for students interested in management careers in the arts that prepare them for administrative careers in established cultural arts institutions media houses, public relations and fundraising institutions. This program combines courses in the student's chosen area of concentration with courses in business and economics. Students also interact and participate in program development with local community galleries and arts agencies.



INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

The Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Interdisciplinary Studies is an intense research focused honors program for mature students who have the desire and creative ability to develop hypotheses and research designs which probe and contribute to interconnected knowledge in two or more traditional major concentration areas OR which offer non-traditional approaches to multi-disciplinary research, thus facilitating the meeting of specific career goals.

PHILOSOPHY

A minor in Philosophy and Religion consists of a total of 18 semester hours, with not fewer than six hours in Philosophy and not fewer than six hours in Religion.

A concentration in Philosophy and Religion through the Interdisciplinary Studies program consists of 24 hours with not fewer than six hours in Philosophy and not fewer than six hours in Religion. Concentrations may include Women's Studies courses from other appropriate disciplines.

Some courses may be selected from the offerings of the Greater Greensboro Consortium. A grade of "C" or above must be earned in every course that is counted as satisfying the requirements for the minor or concentration.



HISTORY

The History Program is designed to provide students with a broad-based understanding of the various forces that have shaped modern society. In addition to meeting the General Education requirements, the History Program offers a minor in History. The ultimate goal of the History Program is to establish a viable major in the discipline.

WOMEN'S STUDIES

The course offerings in this program are designed to give students alternative perspectives in many areas including culture, history, science, philosophy, literature and society. Along with offering multidisciplinary and departmental courses, the program features mini-courses, seminars, symposiums, and research activities on women's issues and concerns. As the new and extensive scholarship on women reflects worldwide problems, preparation of women for leadership roles in international service is another special feature of the program. The Women's Studies program is coordinated by the Center for African Women and Women of the African Diaspora.



ENGLISH

The English program at Bennett College offers Majors in English and English Education. The faculty is committed to helping our students understand the communication process and to providing experiences for their developing competencies in research and writing. Critical to this process is an acquisition of knowledge in English language and Multicultural Literatures.

The Program offers two options for the English Major; the Non-teaching English Major and the Major in Secondary Education. The Non-teaching Major prepares students for graduate and professional school. Graduates have obtained degrees in Law, Literature, and Linguistics. The major in Secondary Education is fully accredited. Professional training is an integral part of this program, ensuring that our graduates will begin their careers with the confidence born of competence. In both options students follow a comprehensive course of studies in language and literature. Currently, the Foreign Language Program offers a Minor in Spanish and a Minor in French is under development.



THEATRE

An undergraduate student may pursue the B.F.A. degree with specialization in performance (acting) or production (technical theatre) or the B.A. degree which is of a more generalized arts degree in arts management. B.F.A. students are recommended to complete an internship with a professional theatre company as part of their program. Students are encouraged to apply for summer internships throughout their tenure at Bennett. The Department invites guest actors, directors, arts managers, and designers to participate in selected productions on the main stage to give the theatre students the opportunity to work with practicing professionals. The Players present at least three or more major productions annually and numerous student projects.



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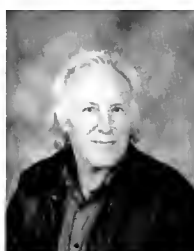
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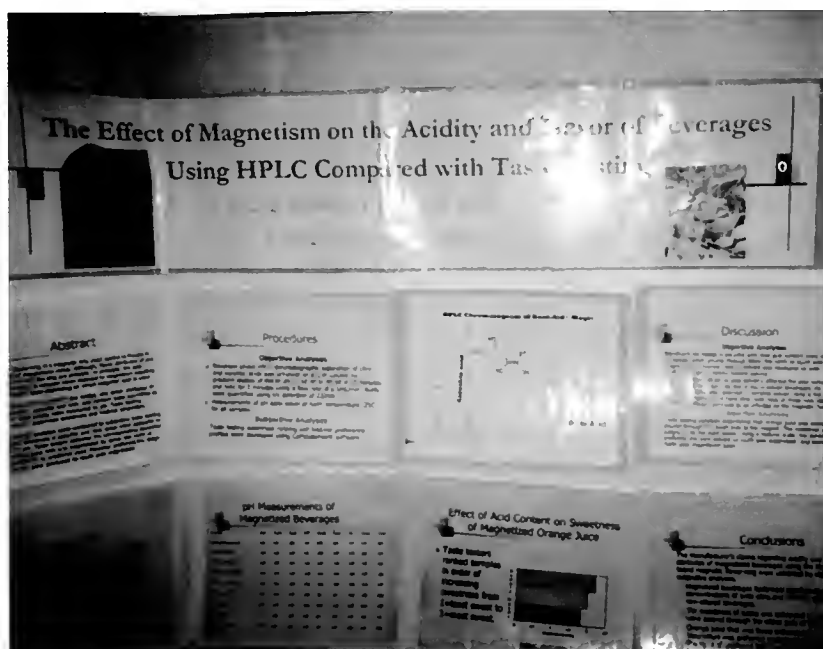
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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL, BEHAVIORAL, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

The Department of the Sciences provides academic and technical training in the use of the scientific method and formal, logical, deductive reasoning. It provides guidance and support in the development of graduates and enables them to become productive and informed citizens in their chosen fields and in the global community.

The Department encourages academic excellence, individuality, creativity, professionalism, and community awareness and volunteerism within the disciplines. The department endeavors to foster the increased representation of minority women in the disciplines of

the department as well as to produce graduates who are capable of scientific reasoning, who possess academic and professional skills and who strive to attain graduate and/or professional degrees in their areas of study. The Department faculty holds that its envisioned future is to become the undisputed academic leader in its discipline among undergraduate institutions educating minority women in the United States by 2010.



BIOLOGY PROGRAM

The Biology Program offers a variety of majors including general Biology, Biology education, and Medical Technology. The Biology Program prides itself in helping students to prepare to enter medical or dental school. Also, the program provides opportunities to develop biomedical research skills with a dedicated faculty member. The Biology Program prepares students for careers in teaching, biological and medical fields, industry and government, and for admission to graduate, medical, dental, and other professional schools

CHEMISTRY PROGRAM

The degree programs in the Department of Chemistry provide an entry for students into the exciting field of chemistry, which affects all aspects of human life. The Department of Chemistry is interested in providing individual attention to the academic needs of students as they pursue degree programs. The programs in the department provide outstanding preparation for students to pursue academic and career goals in several areas. These areas include preparation of students to enter Master's and Doctoral programs in chemistry and related fields. It also prepares students for positions as industrial chemists at the baccalaureate level



MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE PROGRAM

The Department of Mathematics and Computer Science offers four educational programs, each leading to a Bachelor of Science degree. Three programs—mathematics, mathematics with teacher certification, and mathematics as part of dual degree in either electrical or mechanical engineering—involve a major in mathematics. The fourth program involves a major in computer science. The math and computer science program offers many opportunities to develop knowledge and skills to become a powerhouse in the field of technology. Students develop more than just mechanical skills but the ability to project what they have learned and teach generations to come.



PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM

The Psychology Program at Bennett College is committed to increasing the number of female psychologists, especially women of color. The goal is to foster the creation of culturally sensitive, therapeutic solutions for individuals with emotional challenges. In addition, we focus on developing women to become leaders on issues of concern to people of color in the academic, social, political, and health arenas. The department specializes in social/developmental, and physiological psychology. One of their major strengths is working closely with students to help them achieve their academic and professional goals. The preparation of students for graduate or professional schools in psychology or related disciplines is our focus.

POLITICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM

The Political Science Program provides rigorous educational experiences that enable students to achieve demonstrable competence in critical thinking and task-specific application of knowledge. Consistent with the mission of the College, the program requires all majors to build broad-based liberal arts education that promotes the development of the student's knowledge and values for an increasingly complex, diverse and interdependent world.

There are three full-time faculty members in the Department of Political Science each of whom holds the Ph.D. degree in Political Science. Their areas of specialization are American Government and Politics, Public Administration, Public Policy, Comparative Politics and International Affairs. The faculty is committed to working closely with students to help them achieve higher academic and professional goals.



PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

The purpose of the Department of Professional Studies is to prepare professional women for the ongoing challenges of the 21st Century who will graduate as productive citizens of the world. A major goal of the Department is to certify Departmental excellence through national accreditation of all Departmental Programs. The Department includes Business and Economics, Curriculum and Instruction, Home Economics, Sociology, Social Work, Health and Physical Education, American Humanities programs, The Children's House and the NASA-MASTAP.

The Department of Professional Studies embraces the following core values: encouraging the development of professional women

leaders; encouraging the global perspective to promote multiculturalism, pluralism and diversity, to increase service to humanity; and the preservation of a liberal arts college.

The Departmental faculty holds that its envisioned future is to become a premier academic department known for enhancing the development of phenomenal women leaders. The faculty members are committed to formulating core values; setting priorities and goals; identifying, assessing, integrating and applying resources in reasoning and decision making; creating intellectual, artistic and practical products and presentations reflecting originality and utilizing advanced technologies; and to promoting civic responsibility, academic rigor, and commitment to life long learning.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS PROGRAM

The purpose of the Business and Economics Program is to offer academic majors of study in Accounting and Business Administration that will provide students with a thorough preparation for professional careers in business, government, and for graduate study. These academic programs, consistent with the stated purpose of Bennett College, are a combination of the liberal arts ideals and the basic tenets of professional education and training. These programs, in conjunction with the liberal arts component, are designed to provide students with professional competence, intellectual and personal growth, and leadership abilities.



CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION PROGRAM

The Department of Curriculum and Instruction is committed to the preparation of teachers as facilitators of learning through the development and understanding of learning theory and teaching practices that address the interrelatedness of the cognitive, emotional, social, psychomotor and affective domains. It is also the division's mission to provide local, regional, national, and international leadership in teacher education.

Experiences are designed and implemented to prepare teachers who will be successful in their areas of specialization by giving students the opportunity to develop specialized knowledge and skills. The Teacher Education Program's organizing theme of "Preparing Teachers as Facilitators of Learning in the Contemporary Global Community" unites all education programs.



SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

The Undergraduate Social Work Program is committed to excellence. It is based on a liberal arts perspective; on professional knowledge, values and skills; and utilization of the generalist method. The curriculum encompasses problems and issues of individuals, families, other groups, communities, and organizations; incorporates knowledge, values and skills aimed at the reduction of oppression, social and economic injustice, discrimination and poverty; and develops focus on generalist social workers improvement in the quality of life for at-risk diverse populations. The mission of the Social Work/ Sociology Program is to prepare professional entry-level generalist practitioners for the ethical reduction of oppression and social and economic injustice and the enhancement of the quality of life for diverse populations at risk.



AMERICAN HUMANICS

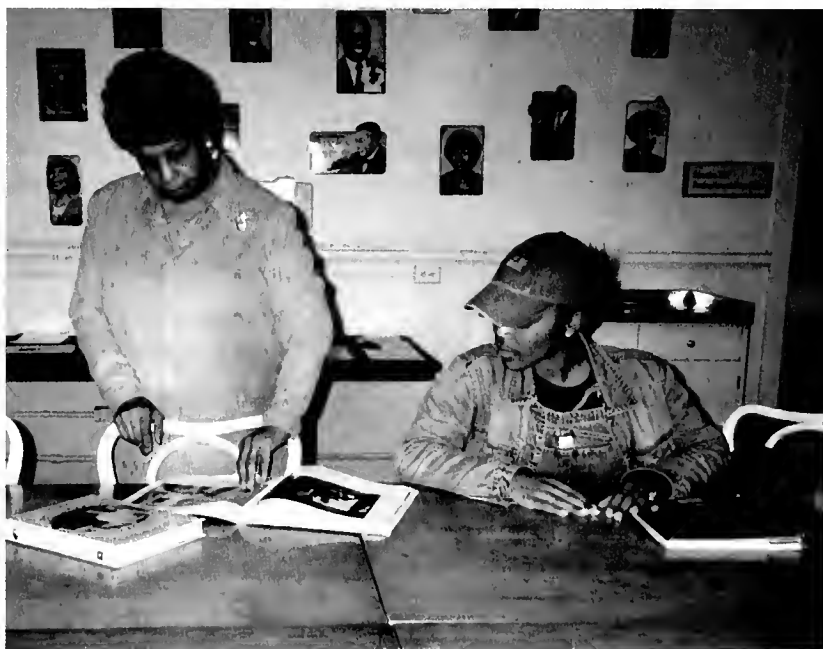
The Bennett College American Humanics Program AH is an affiliate of American Humanics, Inc., a national not-for-profit organization that prepares students for careers in nonprofit management through a partnership with colleges and universities around the country.

Bennett's American Humanics program offers certification in nonprofit management. The certificate program prepares entry-level nonprofit management professionals to work with America's youth, family, and human service agencies and organizations.

The AH curriculum focuses on 18 hours in nonprofit management, and youth development; experiential learning opportunities through internships, professional seminars and volunteer work; co-curricular activities provide leadership development through the annual Management Institute, annual retreats and the AH Student Association; and nationally recognized certification and job placement. An internship of 375 hours in a nonprofit organization is required for certification.

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Health and Physical Education Program administers the four-semester competency based general education program required by the college for all students and the specialized curriculum for Teacher Education majors. Courses in the general education Physical Education Core are designed to provide all students with neuromuscular skills unique to leisure-time activities. The general program encompasses courses in the areas of aquatics, individual and team sports and Fitness and conditioning. All courses are structured to encourage maximum participation in both the formal academic environment and the student's extracurricular involvement.





Candice Hall
Co-Valedictorian

J.M. Barrie wrote [that] "the reason why birds can fly and we can't is simply that they have perfect faith, for to have faith is to have wings." While this quote is very simple, this is what I leave to my dear Bennett Belles —complete and total faith. I challenge each Belle to always strive to keep a deep investment and personal commitment to your own belief or faith. And, in the event that you are given the opportunity to pass on this strength and power to those you encounter in your everyday lives, I hope that you would do so. It is my earnest supplication that when your education commences, after years of sitting in the classroom, you will become the one who teaches and educates others in the invaluable lessons you have learned. I hope that each and every Bennett Belle can truly make a difference.

All things work together for good to them that love God." This scripture in Romans 8:28, is one of the many scriptures that I contemplate on often. It helps me to stay motivated and elated on a daily basis. Truly my tenure at Bennett College has been a testimony. My spiritual growth has assured me that my decision to attend this institution was a divine plan, for I intended to matriculate at another university.

Although I have been blessed with high academic averages throughout school, I have not always been spiritually strong. Before coming to Bennett, I often seemed to be preoccupied with unspiritual behavior. Despite the fact that I knew some of my behavior was detrimental, I found it hard to totally devote my life to God while in Washington, D.C. It took coming to Bennett College for my life to get on the right track. During North Carolina A&T's 1999 Homecoming, I attended a lock-in at Wells Memorial COGIC. That night changed my life. I instantly found it easy to devote my life to God's word. Since that day, my family and I have been tremendously blessed in so many ways.

One of my goals since elementary school was to become valedictorian of my class. Although I had the ability to achieve this goal, school eventually became secondary to my unspiritual desires. Now that I have discarded those desires and given my life to God, it is evident that only through God could I become valedictorian. I want to encourage others that through God anything is possible. Paul says in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all thing through Christ which strengtheneth me." Thus, one can achieve any goal if he or she puts God first.

It is never too late for us to devote our lives to God. Believe me, it will make one's life very rewarding to himself or herself and to others.



Angel Lee
Co-Valedictorian

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Tia Taylor

Elementary Education Major

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Phillipians 4:13

4



Monica Gaymon

Biology Major

"4.0 mantality!! If you dream bug dreams you'll achieve great things."

5



Shayla West

Biology Major

"To those who helped me along the way I give my sincere thanks. To those who tried to hold me back —try harder next time."

6



Shauna Williams

Business Administration Major

"I thank God and my parents for giving me the strength, courage, and conviction to persevere and overcome obstacles."



7



Markita Brooks

Mass Communications Major

"I am a work in progress-God is not through with me yet!"

8



Felicia Washington

Biology Major

"A happy person is not a person in a certain set of circumstances, but rather a person with a certain set of attitudes."
Hugh Downs

9



Claudia Pearson

English Major

"If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all."
Mark 9:35

10



Monya Dorene Tomlinson

Mass Communications Major

Before you wonder, "Am I doing things right"? ask, "Am I doing the right things?"

Senior Day

Senior Day is the beginning of the graduation events at Bennett College. Although graduation day is over a month away, the goal of four years of dedication, commitment, and hard work is within reach.

In addition to being a very exciting day, it is a very emotional time for the Seniors and their Little Sisters. The relationship between the Seniors and their Little Sisters develops into an close bond of sisterhood over a period of two years. On Senior Day, the Little Sisters robe their Big Sisters, who have now achieved the status of Seniors. It is a time of celebration, but also one of reflection and realization that the elder sister will soon be leaving.

Most of these friendships will stand the test of time, yet both realize that their time together at Bennett has come to an end.

Claudia Pearson is all smiles as she prepares to walk through the Bearden Gate with her Little Sisters.



A Sea of White: Bennett Seniors form the processional into the Chapel.





Claudia Pearson, April McNeill, and Karen Wynn share a moment together after the Vesper.

April McNeill and her Little Sisters, Nicole Hayes, YaTasha Lathon, and Farah Ferrel

FACULTY AND STAFF

How many times have you thanked the women who clean your bathrooms or the people who serve you your meals three times a day? Support staff are often looked over. As students, we tend take for granted the things that they do for us. From the maintenance staff to security, if we were to take away those jobs we would suffer as a campus. On these two pages we give honor to the many men and women who serve the Bennett College community daily. The average day in the life of a student



Gene Banks
Sharon Bibbs
Ednita Bullock
Katrina Burton



Shirley Canty
Agnes Caveness
Carol Cheston
Sandra Clark





Brenda Coates
Coruin Davis
Shirley Delores
Zandra Donnell



Sandra Douglas-Kagwa
Valerie Evans
Kayse Geedi
Teela Glenn



Stella Graham
Jennifer Hall
Addie Harrison
Ouida Hodnett



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can become extremely hectic. We can get to the point where every hour of our day is occupied.....and most of the time not from school work. It becomes so easy to overlook the things that we assume happen "naturally." These men and women help make our brief stay at Bennett as comfortable as possible and we thank you.

Mary Holloway
Dr. Gladys Huggins
Brenda Isaac
Sabrina Jarrell



Cassandra Johnson-Holt
Chloe Jones
Jacquelyn Lightsey
Tracey Logan



Stephanie Lynch
Dr. Carl Manuel, Jr.
Rita McAdoo-Bey
Crystal McCombs



Khalilah Mills
Judy Moore
Donata Nelson
Kelvin Odemelam



Lillie Rooks
Julia Scott
Elsie Simmons
Sharlice Smith





Sylvia Stanback
Eric Wallington
Betty Watson
Belinda Williams



Marie Williamson
Jamonica Withers
Tyra Woods
Tammy Worthy



ADMINISTRATION

THE HEAT IS ON Everything That Glitters Is Not Gold.

It is a hard job, but someone has to do it! The stereotypes of an administrator bring to mind posh salaries, plush offices, reserved parking, and no pesky lesson planning. Oh, how naïve! Although administrators may have more benefits than most positions on a college campus, we must understand to whom much is given, much is required. Such is the case for our administrators at Bennett College. When things do not go right, to whom do we turn? When policies need to be made or revised, to whom do we go?

Administrators do more than we can fathom. When budgets need to be distributed and cuts made these individuals sit in meetings for hours meticulously searching for ways to make a dollar out of fifty cents. When the curriculum must be revamped or eliminated, these are the individuals who must handle the dirty work. When anything goes right or wrong these are the individuals who receive all the credit or scrutiny. So, let us tip our hats to the people that make Bennett College.



Dr. Charles Fudget



Dr. Donna Oliver



Ms. Louise Farmer



Dr. Anna Hammond



Dr. Pearl Logan



Mr. Richard Redmen

DEDICATION

MY LIFE AT BENNETT:

JAMES COLLINS

When Althia was informed that she had been selected as the 13th president of Bennett, it was one of the happiest moments of both our lives. She had spent more than half of her life preparing for this moment and I was extremely happy to be part of it.

Of the time she spent in Greensboro before I arrived, she spoke most highly of Bennett's students and how much she wanted to make their stay at Bennett better. If there is a Legacy that either of us would like to leave, it is in implanting the idea that things can always be made better, especially if we are willing to try hard to make the necessary changes. Wherever we go, we should always strive to leave things better than we found them.

Tradition is great but should not become an anchor. All too often tradition is used to show why things should remain the same. Bennett Belles have enjoyed an outstanding tradition but have also been involved in promoting

could give to our "daughters" and had a responsibility to give them guidance, support, and even tough love when needed. I hope we performed well. I know we enjoyed the effort. I will never forget one of "my ladies" coming up to me and saying thanks for the new blinds in her room. Some of life's little pleasures can be the most remembered.

Another source of enjoyment was seeing my staff become a team



working for a common cause, our Ladies. Birth not only begins with a Mother and Father, it also involves others who play very important roles. My thanks go out to everyone who supported me in Infrastructure and who supported Althia in all of the work that takes place in managing a college.

Althia's vision to make Bennett a First Class Institution should be kept alive. I am happy to have taken part in supporting that vision. My personal thanks to the SGA, the RA's, and all student leaders for what they do on a day-to-day basis to help their sisters survive and enjoy the college experience. It is in these type actions that Legacies are actually born!

major changes. After all, it was once tradition that Blacks went to separate schools and ate at separate lunch counters. Bennett Belles were involved in changing those outdated traditions and we have all benefited from their actions and courage.

Coming to Bennett made us instant parents of over 500 young ladies. We wanted the best we



DR. ALTHIA COLLINS BIRTH OF A LEGACY

The birthing process is one of the miracles of life, unlike any other. From the moment of awareness of conception through delivery, there is great anticipation and preparation for the new life that will be. A human life generally takes nine months to form before the baby is born; a legacy takes years before it is established and then stands proudly for others to admire.

Unfortunately, I was unconscious when my daughter was born, so I have no memory of that event. I had the distinct pleasure of being present at two births that were very meaningful and significant to me. The first occurred when my grandson, Aaron, was born. I observed his birth, and it was a combination of joy and pain—joy because I was witnessing a gift from God who was adding another member to our family, and pain because I saw how much discomfort and pain the birthing process created for my daughter. This event was and continues to be a reminder that out of pain comes joy, out of bad can come good, and the few moments just before light seem to be the darkest. In other words, nothing is ever as bad as it seems if we take time to examine the possibilities and seek to find solutions to problems.

The second birth that I witnessed was during my time as the 13th president of Bennett College. Our vision was to create a premier student-centered institution for women of the world—to create a legacy that would not only build upon 128-year-old traditions but also to establish a legacy that would serve the institution well in the 21st century. We wanted to take Bennett to new heights and to reach out to others in bold, new, meaningful ways that would prepare our students to be women of the world, comfortable wherever they might find themselves in a global society.

By the grace of God and through tireless efforts of many people, we were able not only to conceive this idea that would give rise to a legacy but also to witness development of a new mindset in the dearest treasures at Bennett, our students. Clearly, the students

at Bennett want to reach new heights and to make their marks on the world in bold, new ways. They fearlessly embrace diversity with all its challenges and opportunities, and they strive to use a spiritual base in order to sustain the legacy that they have inherited.

My time at Bennett ended quite suddenly, but the experience again reminded me that out of pain comes joy, out of bad can come good, and the few moments just before light seem to be the darkest. It was an experience unlike any other—a truly special time!

Births remind us that so much is beyond our abilities to understand or control. They are examples of God's wonderful gifts that carry considerable responsibilities and huge opportunities. I hope that the students will protect the legacy that they have inherited.



Image of Success!

DR. FUGET PRESIDENT

Birth of a Legacy

Bennett College offers opportunities for women to excel in scholarly pursuits, prepare for leadership roles and to continue life long learning in a contemporary society. From its earliest beginnings, to 1926, when it became a senior college for women, the College has provided an opportunity for women to be empowered. The College is rich with the history of women leaders doing phenomenal things.

The class of 2002 is no different, and great things are expected of you. The beginning of the 21st century, provides an opportunity for Bennett students to start a new legacy. Your accomplishments will light the way for a new generation of Bennett students. Students that not only have the capability of outstanding leadership but also a sense of compassion that marks the difference between leaders and "great" leaders. Throughout, history much has been expected and demanded of Bennett students. The move into the 21st century can only increase the pressure and demands that are placed upon the Bennett Belles.

As you move into the "real world", reflect with pleasure and pride on the many things you have accomplished at Bennett. Utilize those reflections as your mantra to inspire, motivate and activate you to become phenomenal community and world leaders.



Leaving Our Mark

*We came. We saw.
We lived the legacy.*

We came as girls, wide eyed and in expectation. For we knew that our time would come. We would become phenomenal women, leaders prepared to shape the future. As freshmen, the legacy of the Bennett Belle was only a story, but today, that legacy is a lifestyle.

We saw the distinction of the Bennett Belle. Was it the hat and the gloves? Could it have been the traditions passed down from generation to generation? Was it the quest for sisterhood or the hand of God? For a sundry of reasons, we were magnetized. Now, we have been

"Bennettized." So we leave the revered corridors of our Alma Mater to make an even greater impact on the globe. Here, we have learned to hold onto who we are and whose we are because education is not limited to books and paper. Integrity, character, perseverance, and faith are just as

women of the world. There isn't a courtroom, school, corporation, or



firm that does not make room for those who know where they are going and how they will get there. Make room, world. The class of 2002 is not taking charge we are taking over.

Our time has finally come to leave the legacy behind.

Claudia Pearson



much of the equation. Though we may have entered unequipped, we leave empowered. Bennett College has embraced our weaknesses and made us women of wisdom and wonder. We are







Class Clown
Kelli Anderson



Most Studious
Tia Taylor



Adina Archibold



April Astrop



Troya Barghen
Major: Political Science
Political Pacesetters, History Club



Elizabeth Beasley



Latonya Bolden



Katrina Boles



Carla Boxell



Kirsten Britt



Markita Brooks

Major-Mass Comm
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
Alpha Kappa Mu



Natasha Brooks



Latonya Brown



Candice Byrd



Kristy Caldwell



Melody Caldwell

Major-Biology,
Minor: Chemistry
Alpha Kappa Alpha, Beta Kappa
Chi, Alpha Kappa Mu



Shavon Chambers



Tiana Curry



**Farthest Traveled
Shana Scott**



**Shyest
Shauna Williams**



Neat Freak
Carla Boxcell



Most Dramatic
Claudia Pearson



Nicole Davis



Kyra Dillard



Gayani Ekanayake

Major-Fashion Merchandising
Senior Class President, Apparel
Club, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha
Kappa Mu

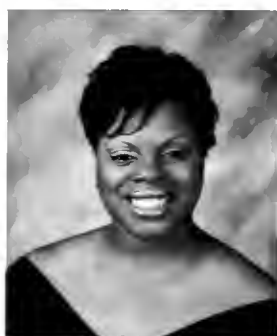


Melanie Fields

Major-English
Sigma Tau Delta International
English Honor Society, Writing
Fellows Intern, Yearbook Staff



Alicia Ford



Tisa Frederick

Major-Accounting
SGA Treasure 2001-2002,
Society of Accounting Students,
Bennett College Choir, Bells of
Harmony.



Treva Gadis



Janae Gatson



Brandi Hamilton

Major- Biology
Community Service Co.,
Eccentrique, Modeling Club,
Biology Club, Ebony Soul



Yosha Hawkins

Major-Biology
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority,
Biology Club



Ellena Herbert

Major-Sociology
Pi Gamma Mu International Honor
Society of the Social Sciences,
Social Work/Sociology Club



Marquita Hobson

Major-Computer Science
Ambassadors Club, Student
Christian Fellowship, Computer
Science Club, Student Staff



Darnita Howard

Major-Mass Comm
Association for Women in
Communications, Bennett College
Choir, Handbell Choir,



Camille Howell



Isis Jackson

Major- Fashion Merchandising
Apparel Club, NAACP, Students
in Free Enterprise



Meteea Jenkins



Best Dressed
Gayani Ekanayake

Most School Spirit
Monica Gaymon





Most likely to be
President of the
United States
Felicia Washington



Most likely to be a
Music Star
Rayven White



Monica Johnson



Nicole Jones
Major-Social Work
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.,
NASW, Social Work/Sociology
Club, NAACP



Stufona Latta
Major- Business Administration
Business Club



Angel Lee



Jessica London



Robyn May



April McNeill
Major-Biology
SGA President, Chair Student
Capital Campaign, Sophomore
Class President, Freshwomen
Class President, Youth leader at
Evangel Fellowship Church



Rashida Miller



Carlotta Mitchell



April Moon
Major-Biology
Yearbook Staff, Biology Club/
Corresponding Secretary, Alpha
Kappa Mu, Off Campus Senate



Rosetta Morgan
Major-Special Education
SNCAE



Cayce Moses



Tiffany Murphy
Major-Accounting
Society of Accounting Students,
SIFE (Students In Free
Enterprise)



Ayanna Na'im
Major-Computer Science
NAACP Treasure, Instrument
Ensemble, Hand Bell Ensemble,
Racial Reconciliation Committee,



Page Nichols
Major-Business Administration
Vice President, Business Inc.



Claudia Pearson



Most likely to be
Seen Together
Shayla West, Avian
West, and Tiana
Curry

Most Athletic
Michelle Simpson





Friendliest
Monya Tomlinson



Most Out-Spoken
Felicia Washington



Teya Renwick



Tiffany Sample



Corenthia Sartin
Major-Psychology
Senior Class Vice-President.
Psychology Club



Shana Scott
Major-Mass Communication
SGA NAACP, NANBPWC-Beta
Psi, (AWC) American Women in
Communication, Aggie-Belle
West Coast Club



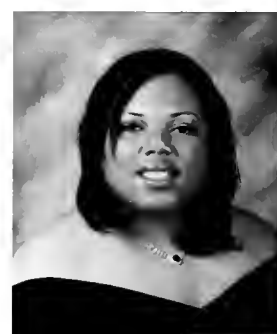
Jamillia Shaw
Major-Accounting
Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor
Society, Society of Accounting
Students, Student Christian
Fellowship, Bennett College
Ambassador



Cherie Simons



Michelle Simpson



Tasha Smith
Major-Social Work
Girl Scouts, Social Work Club



Ondrea Taylor
Major-Political Science
Political Pacesetters, Pre-
Alumnae Council, Jen's kid



Tia Taylor
Major-Elementary Education/
Minor: Spanish
SNACE, Track & Field Team,
Alpha Kappa, MU Honor Society



Shona Thompson
Major-Social Work
Social Work/Sociology Club,
Instrumental Ensemble



Monya Tomlinson
Major-Mass Communications
Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha
Kappa Mu Honor, The Bennett
College Reader's Theatre,



Honie Turner



Nneka Ubaka-Adams
Major-Chemistry & Chemistry
Engineering
National Honor Society of Black
Engineers, Chemistry Club



Felicia Washington
Major-Biology/Minor Chemistry
Alpha Kappa Mu, Beta Kappa Chi
Scientific, Delta Sigma Theta,
Junior Class President,



Sheriea Waters



Most Unique
Shana Scott



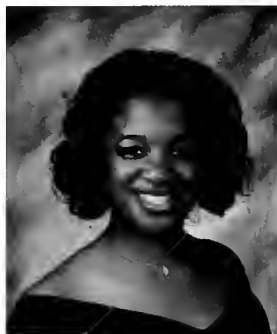
Most Talented
Claudia Pearson



Tallest
Tiana Curry



Shortest
Melanie Fields



Avian West

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Alpha Kappa Mu, Biology Club,
Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honor
Society, Zeta Phi Beta Team



Shayla West

Major-Biology/Minor Chemistry
Zeta Phi Beta, Beta Kappa Chi
Scientific, Instrumental Ensemble,
Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor
Society, Biology Club



Most Professional
Felicia Washington



Crystal White

Major-Accounting
Youth Advisor Greater United
Baptist Church, Society of
Accounting Students, Campus
Scouts, Member of SUAB
Executive Board



Rayven White

Major-Psychology
Alpha Kappa Alpha, Bennett
College Choir



Tiffany White



Carmen Williams

Major-Elementary Education/
Minor Special Education
Student North Carolina
Association of Educators
(SNCAE), Pre-Alumnae Council



Shauna Williams

Major-Business Administration
Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society,
Business Club



Latoya Wright



Karen Wynne

Major-Social Work
Evangel Fellowship Church
(Youth Leader), Spirit of David
Dance Ministry, Miss Senior,
McNair Scholar, Social Work Club

Seniors Not Pictured

Shawntee' Anderson

Regina Boggs

Shana Brown

Stephanie Brown

Marshelle Bryson

Ernetta Cagel

Tracey Caldwell

Lashainna Campbell

Natasha Carter

Marlene Coleman

Elizabeth Dover-King

Carla Ford

Alicia Ford

Monica Gaymon

Candice Hall

Danielle Harper

Kadidja Hinds

LaZara Irving-Bell

Allison Johnson

Jacqueline Martin

Melvette Melvin

Jennifer Moore

Rungano Nyajeka

Tahira Parker

Shayla Perkins

Nyitre Rodgers

Olanda Scott

Reneka Shaw

Latrell Sheppard

Amber Townsell

Daydra Wilks

People: Keepers of the Legacy

The most important entity in an institution of higher learning is the students. Annually, students from all over the world assemble at Bennett College with a singular expected end...a college degree.

First year students enter eager and wide-eyed, trying to understand exactly what to expect from their college experience. Sophomores already have two semesters of work under their belts, by now they understand that the time spent at Bennett is not as

long as they once thought; thus, time is of the essence! Juniors have had the epiphany that they are at a crossroads. They need to take MORE tests in order to attend MORE school in order to gain MORE knowledge so...they will need to be MORE disciplined and LESS stressed.

their own while here. With the guidance of big sisters, the instruction and



support of faculty and staff, or the ubiquitous criticism and support of fellow Belles, the young ladies that grace this campus with their presence leave polished and prepared to bequeath an invaluable inheritance to the world they encounter. Their commitment to impact the world is how the Bennett Legacy survives.



It does not take long for students to realize that the path to a degree is a winding one that is changing all the time.

Bennett Belles of every class gradually come into





I love Bennett College. I knew that God has a purpose for my life, and it began with my acceptance into this fine institution. Since I have been here, I have grown mentally, spiritually, academically, and culturally.

Renee Forde~Biology



I have been here to long and my time and money has been invested for the last three years. If I were to leave and go to another school, I would loose a lot of my credits.

Shanelle Bender~Biology

Carla Adams
Kelli Anderson
Amber Batiste
Tiffany Bowe
Takesha Briggins



Mae Butler
Mayasah Cameron
Cheryl Chestnut
Rochelle Clarke
Sara Collins



Jessica Dobson
Naomi Edwards
Tamile Glenn
Carol Glover
Justine Griffin



Considering all the changes and difficulties Bennett College has experienced in the past few years, why have you decided to stay here?

If you have been here at Bennett College for three years, face it, you are here to stay. Don't act as if it is a bad thing. All of the friendships, memories, and the repoiire you have with the faculty, administration, and staff have kept you here, right? For whatever reason, you are still here and you aren't going anywhere, so make the best of it. Ultimately, your matriculation here at Bennett College is what you make of it.



The faculty and staff are always behind the students, which makes it a great place.
Julena Ward~Elementary Education

Seeing what Bennett once was and realizing how much potential Bennett has to be a wonderful institution moves me to stay. Ernestine "MiMi" Miles~Social Work



What has kept me at Bennett College is the sisterhood. Regardless of who you are or where you are from, everyone is treated with respect...I have felt a sense of security and stability.

Evette Houston~Psychology

I felt the love and sisterhood form other students and teachers. Bennett women are strong women and I am glad that I am a part of the Bennett College community.

Olankike Solole~Biology

As a Big Sister of a Bennett College first year student, what helpful advice can you give her concerning her college career?



Are you friendly, caring, trustworthy, honest, giving, accessible, and supportive? The designation of a Little Sister to a BC Junior is a highly anticipated annual event. First year students have the privilege of being taken under the wing of a BC Junior. Little sisters need guidance, a helping hand, someone to confide in, or just the thought of knowing that someone cares. If so, what tools can you give to make your

little sister's matriculation here at Bennett a little smoother?

Set goals and be determined to reach them, whatever your vision, I am sure you will achieve.

Stacy Pilgrim

Elementary Education



To think about what she wants to do, evaluate her strengths and weaknesses, and to do her best in everything.

Meredith Talford



Choose your friends carefully, try to live more for your future and not the present. Everything happens for a reason, it is for that reason you are where you are supposed to be.

Amber Batiste

Mass Communications

It's a long road but at the end of her path
nothing but good things are waiting for her,
if she stays true to herself.

Damaria McMillian

Business Administration



Do not waste any time, because your time
at Bennett College will fly by, and most of
all, when the going gets tough, keep on
going.

Porcher Jackson
Social Work



Crystal Henderson
Amanda Henley
Melissia Higgs
Autumn Holmes
Monica Hunt



Shatara Johnson
Rashonda Jones
Tawanda Jones
Jewel Lee
Candace Leverette

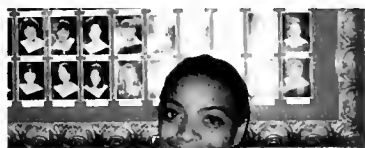


Amber Love
Amber Lugo-Knox
Ullindiwa McCarley
Ernestine Miles
Candice Morse

I am looking forward to graduating and
embarking on a new chapter in my life.

Amber Lofton

Biology



Special education, getting out of Bennett
and getting ready to pursue my career. I
am also looking forward to Senior Day.

Latonya Smith

Claudine Noel
Sharon Patterson
Michele Puryear
Monique Rembert
Annyck Rodgers



Sharlene Royster
Katherine Shivers
Latonya Smith
Rasheena Spears
Latifahia Spencer



Christina Strickland
Angelinia Sutton
Zelma Terrell
Anasya Turner
Ceora Wearing



Sherika Whitehead
Victoria Wilder
Lynsey William



What are you most looking forward to in your senior year here at Bennett College?



Many honors and privileges come with being a Bennett College graduating senior. Senior Day, senior pictures, class rings, senior trip, and just a little event called GRADUATION, are just a few events privy to seniors. Paying senior fees, finishing graduate and medical school applications and entrance examinations, and future planning are some of the less exciting, but equally important events of one's senior year. Either way, Bennett College Juniors certainly know what to anticipate in the year ahead.

My first Morehouse trip. Finding out who will be Miss Bennett College 2003, and graduation.
Candice Morse
Mass Communications

Change. I hope Bennett does a 360 because I really want to see Bennett succeeding in ten years.

Angelina Sutton
Mass Communications/
Accounting



The activities and ceremonies you are entitled to as a senior.
Monique Wims
Accounting



Graduation, because I am ready to move forward to grad school and start my career.
Cameka Arnald

I actually would give Bennett a 4 because the teachers here have really been there for me. I have been able to go to my advisor as friend and counselor and they really make themselves available. They kill me with the food, but I give Bennett a 4.

Tamieka McCray



Gennifer Banks
 Rachelle Bivens
 Faith Chilongo
 Toccara Davenport
 Liala Edwards



Amie Foxworth
 Sharon Fryar
 Akua-Nia Gibb
 Bridgett Goodwin
 Timiya Greenfield



Shana Gulley
 Shontae Harrell
 Kristina Jackson
 Nartasha Kimbrough
 Laurel Lashley



On a scale from 1 to 5, 1 being poor, 5 being good, how would you rate your two years here at Bennett?



I give Bennett a three because when Dr.Collins was here things were getting done. Now that she's gone it has decreased to a 2 because stuff ain't getting done!!!!

Timiya Greenfield



Five, because Bennett taught me how to be a young lady, more feminine. It taught me sisterhood.

Tiyasha Hall

Last year I would say 4 because it was my first time away from home. I met a lot of people and made a lot of friends and did some growing because I was away from home. This year has to be a 3 because I just have no trust in this school. I had trust, but no more. I feel Bennett's future is uncertain.
Shavon Bronwlee



Do you feel the definition of the word sophomore is an accurate characterization of your development over the past two years? Are you over confident as a result of completing your freshman year or do you feel you are truly mature?



I feel as though as being a sophomore I'm very mature because of my experience at Bennett; however, when it comes to taking on the task Bennett has presented to me as a sophomore I think I have to be overconfident in approaching them in order to complete them successfully.

Fajr Majeed

The word sophomore is derived from the Latin word 'sophomoric', which means to be overconfident or immature. Although freshmen are often scrutinized for their less than sophisticated behavior, sophomores often retain their freshman characteristics with boldness and a sense of validation. Some Bennett upperclassmen speculate that surviving freshman year can have an adverse effect on a fraction of college sophomores. Some sophomores examine their mistakes, learn from them and alter their behavior. Others view their survival of freshman year as a testimony that they know the ropes and can continue to "progress" with a freshman mentality. What lessons has the sophomore class at Bennett College learned? Does the word 'sophomoric' apply to them or are they an exception to the rule?



I think it's human nature to go through something for one year and think we know everything. I don't believe I'm overconfident.

Jacqueline Currie

Well, I don't think I'm overconfident, I think I'm confident. I think I have matured a lot from freshman year because of the experiences I've been through since freshman year. I've learned to understand what matters in life.

Shannel Parsons



Well, as a sophomore I do feel over confident and mature, but I also think the statement is true for other people. The reason why I'm overconfident and mature is because I've made it this far so I don't have time to be immature. Now, some people might feel they're mature but don't take time to go to class, to help Bennett College out or to attend Bennett College activities. So the statement is true for some, but false for me.

Natalie Higgins



Rudo Manyau
Teiara Massey
Tiffany Middleton
Latoyia Miller
Christine Pendleton

Velma Ragsdale
Kalea Raynor
Christina Scott
Salimah Shakir
Keisha Stoute

Prencila White
Victoria White
Syreeta Wickliff
Leilani Yizar

"Yeah, because everyone is so friendly
and if you have a problem you can
always go and talk to someone."

Kimberly Strater



Ethelyn Bagwell
Lluvia Bailey
Janelle Black
Mikayla Booker
Falea Britt



Desiree Brooks
Marie Brown
Jocelyn Burch
Shaneiqua Butts
Ayanna Carter



Auria Chamberlain
Melanie Ellis
Laquanta Ford
Antia Harris
Carah Herring



Sedria Hill
Angela Hines
Ashley Hopkins
Jennifer Hunt
Nestassja Johnson



As a freshman, do you think the sisterhood here at Bennett is genuine?



Freshwomen enter the Bennett Sisterhood with hopes of genuine camaraderie. Before these young ladies entered the institution they heard stories of dynamic women of purpose who collectively strive for a common goal... "phenomenalism." For most Bennett freshmen traces of that legacy are evident, others are disillusioned and wonder where is the Bennett and the sisters I was told of. How has Bennett in its hour of

turmoil and unrest effected its most fragile entity? Has it lived up to its legacy or has it left the class of 2005 waiting, waiting for dear Old Bennett to shine again?

"Yes, because if you're having a bad day and it shows on your face people ask if you're okay."

Sandra Williams



"No., because I always get the impression that I'm not liked."

Ciasia Brown



Depending upon who you associate with, yes. I've been blessed to find true sisters here."

Carah Herring

If you had it to do all over again, would you attend Bennett? Why or why not?



"Yep, I sure would because I would still know the friends I know now like Danita, Jessica, and a shout out to Rose and to Ray Ann, Princess and Desiree."

Tanisha Laventura



"Yeah. I like the classes, the smaller environment, and the friendships."

Laquanta Ford

"Yes, because of the sisterhood."

Abena Mwaafrica



"Yeah because I want to continue the tradition of being a Bennett Belle. Being a Bennett Belle means sisterhood, understanding, being friendly, and having respect for one another."

Marie Brown



Marquita Marshburn
Roshanda McCain
Shenica McDonald
Nyosha Moore
Christina Olukunle

Schanta Simmons
Kimberly Smith
Darra Spease
Pamela Stephens
Kim Strater

Susan Tillman
Desiree Watts
Erica Woolridge
Kyheka Wright
Devan Young

Clubs & Organizations

Belles Get Involved

Some college students aim to do only what is required to obtain a degree. There's nothing wrong with this line of thinking, especially if one has no intentions of enriching and complementing the education they will receive. Fortunately, here at Bennett College, it is not our goal to just obtain a degree. The college experience affords us the opportunity to hone our academic, social, humanitarian, and political talents. We eagerly take full advantage of such opportunities because we understand that the "Extras" college affords will help to mold us into well-

rounded women that are able to "maintain" in almost any situation.

Bennett women have a reputation for being involved; in fact, they are notorious for being too involved. On the average, any given belle is a member of at least three clubs or organizations. From honor societies, to sports teams, to student government,



to academic clubs, to sororities, Bennett Belles understand that there is more to higher learning than lectures and classrooms.

This academic year has seen renewed enthusiasm and heightened activity

among the campus' many clubs and organizations. Clubs that once laid dormant have suddenly come alive. The Athletic



Department recieved new management, which has resulted in the reorganization of the cheerleading squad as well as the organization of a dance team and pep squad. More and more students are seeking out new opportunities to connect what they learn to whom they are; in doing so, new interests are created and endless possibilities are explored.





BC SGA

The Foundation Administration

"Build a foundation upon which our sisters can build"...was the goal of the 2001-2002 Bennett College Student Government Association. Under the dynamic leadership of April D. McNeill, this year's SGA "Raised the Standard" of student leadership and governance by creating a cabinet that addressed the needs of the students.

The McNeill Administration sought to give their constituents first class service as they increased campus activities, heightened student awareness, were advocates for students rights and were models of integrity and excellence.

This year has been

one of trial and triumph for Bennett's Student Leaders; nevertheless, these courageous women have unselfishly served the student body. The 2001-2002 Student Government Executive Board says thank you faculty, staff, administration, and fellow Belles of Bennett College. Your support and concerns have taught us so many lessons, lessons we hope to pass on so the leaders behind us can build upon the foundation we have laid this year.

(L-R) April McNeill,
President and Monica
Hunt, Vice-President



Administrative Assistants
Crystal Henderson and
Joell Royal

Monica Gaymon, Miss
Bennett College and
Claudia Pearson, Miss
Royal Blue & White



Melissia Higgs, Recording
Secretary and Shana Scott,
Corresponding Secretary



Marissa Jennings,
Parliamentarian and Tisa
Frederick, Treasurer



Information Technologists
Robin Hendricks and
Angel Lee



Special Events Coordinator
Tamile Glenn

BELLS OF HARMONY

Top Row: (L-R) Melissia Higgs, Takeisha Briggins, Akua-Nia Gibb, Shatara Johnson, Jessica Lewis
Bottom Row: Mikayla Booker, Tawanda Jones, Farrah Ferrell, Danita Shepard



AMBASSADORS

Top Row:(L-R) Victoria Wilder, Ernetta Cagle, Kelli Anderson
Bottom Row: Latonya Smith, Shannon Moore, Renae Ford.

NAACP

Top Row: (L-R) Amber Love
(Miss NAACP), Akua-Nia
Gibb, Candice Morse,
Tanisha Boykin (Vice-Pres.),
Shana Scott

Bottom Row: Cayce Moses,
Renae Ford, Joy Scott
(Pres.), Ayanna Na'im, Evette
Houston

Not pictured: Monica Gaymon



ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY

Top Row: (L-R) Katherine
Shivers, Markita Brooks (Vice-
Pres.), Ceora Wearing, Raven
White, Monica Gaymon,
Ernestine Miles

Bottom Row: Melody Caldwell,
Meredith Talford, Monya
Tomlinson (Pres.), Anasya
Turner, Gayani Ekanayake
Not Pictured: Angel Byrd,
Naomi Edwards, Sharon
Patterson, Benita Jackson



WRITING FELLOWS

*(L-R) Melanie Fields and
Keisha Kelly*



CLASS OF 2002 OFFICERS

(L-R) Tiana Curry (Rec. Sec.),
Gayani Ekanayake (Pres.),
Corenthia Sartin (Vice-Pres.)
Not Pictured: Shayla West (Parl.),
Avian West (Treas.),
Karen Wynne (Miss Sen.)

SOCIAL WORK SOCIOLOGY CLUB

(L-R) Yamu Kurewa (Advisor),
Teya Renwick (Treas.),
Latonya Bolden (Pres.),
Lakenda Crook (Vice-Pres.),
Kia Waller
Not pictured: Ernestine Miles



POLITICAL PACESETTERS

(L-R) Ondrea Taylor (Parli.),
Shannon Moore (Corr. Sec.),
Ernetta Cagle (Pres.)



April, McNair and Moon say, "You want me to do what with that picture?"

Tamie Gern says
really have no idea
what's going on



Karen Wynn (aka: The
Happy Cropper)



Shana Scott gives the
pictures another look,
but says, "He, there's
no picture on this pic-
ture."

Mr. Miller complains
he'll be retired before this
computer finishes
downloading this file.





Yearbook

Staff

Back Row: April Moon,
Shana Scott, Tamile
Glenn, April McNeill,
and Karen Wynne
Front Row: Melanie
Fields and Monica Hunt

It's a Miracle!

The fact that Bennett College has a 2001-2002 yearbook is evidence that miracles still happen. For the past three years Bennett College has been in a word... *yearbookless*. Students have inquired, complained, and ultimately demanded that the yearbook fee they have paid year after year be translated into some semblance of a publication that tells the story of a year at Bennett College.

This January a group of seven Belles volunteered their time and energy to accomplishing an impossible mission. The average YEARBOOK (hence the title year book) takes about eight months to create. These seven women and their ingenious professor had twelve weeks to produce a publication that chronicled two semesters of events. The class began in the Spring; as a result, the staff had to solicit students' personal pictures for the first half of the yearbook. We thank you all for your support and cooperation!

Producing this yearbook was a daunting task. Nevertheless, we met every deadline. We enjoyed capturing the essence of the 2001-2002 Bennett Women. The Birth of A Legacy is our gift of reflection and inspiration to our sisters. We hope you have enjoyed it.

2001-2002 Yearbook Staff





ZETA PHI BETA

Front to Back: Shayla West, Tiana Curry, Damarla McMillan, Avian West, and Nicole Jones



DELTA SIGMA THETA

Amber Townsend, Nyitre Rodgers, Tiffany Sample, Felicia Washington (Pres.), and Kaye Askew (Advisor)



ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN COMMUNICATIONS

Cayce Moses, Joy Scott, Amber Lugo-Knox, Candice Morse, Takesha Riggins, Amber Batiste, Darnita Howard, Shana Scott, Crystal Henderson, and Robyn May



CLASS OF 2003 OFFICERS

(F-B) LaTonya Smith, Angela Byrd, Joy Scott, Jessica Dobson, Victoria Wilder, Anaysa Turner, and Takesha Riggins

PI GAMMA MU HONORS SOCIETY

(L-R) Latonya Bolden, Ellena Herbert, Evette Houston (Pres.), Lakenda Cook (Sec.)



SIGMA TAU DELTA HONOR SOCIETY

(L-R) Melanie Fields, Anasya Turner, Ruby Thomas, Ceora Wearing
Not Pictured: Claudia Pearson

April D. McNeill



*“For I know the plans I have for you,”
declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you
and not to harm you, plans to give you
hope and a future ...”*

Jeremiah 29:11



Congratulations and Best Wishes,

Love Mom, Dad, Ramona, and Destiny

Congratulations Nneka Caress Ubaka-Adams

We are proud of your achievements at Bennett College and throughout life ...

You bring us joy always through your endeavors and accomplishments ...

We Love You Dearly

Mommie, Daddy, Sister, Zenzele, and all of the Ubaka Coulter family.



Continue your quest for growth, knowledge, seeking always the way of God ...

"... if those who are learned are not balanced, their learning is of little use ..."



"Examine every matter that you may understand it. Do not say, 'I am learned,' but rather set yourself to become wise. Be gentle and patient, then your character will be beautiful. It is in the development of character that instruction succeeds."

Source: Selections from the Ifusia: Sacred Wisdom of Ancient Egypt

The divas of BC: I bequeath the spirit of excellence. You are all phenomenal. I could not have chosen a finer institution.

To my Sisters in Christ:
I bequeath a non-compromising love for Christ.

To the spirit of David:
I bequeath Perseverance and Faith.



To my little sisters:
Daughter, Velma, Ayo, Shavon, Lauren, Krissy, and Erica. I bequeath all my love. I will never forget you and you will be missed.

To Bennett College: I bequeath the spirit of integrity. I pray that Bennett learns to embrace integrity and hate hypocrisy

The eyes of the Lord are in every place beholding the evil and the good Proverbs 15:3

April Yvonne Moon



Congratulations April!

It has been a sincere joy raising you April. I give no credit to myself for the way you have turned out. I give all of the glory to God. You have been a stellar student, and enthusiastic cheerleader, a conscientious girl scout, a kind person and a dear friend.

Although graduating from Bennett is a great feat, it is only one of a long list of previous and forthcoming accomplishments.

God has a perfect plan for your life April. Remain prayerful about future decisions. Listen for His voice and follow His direction. Walk boldly through the doors He opens even if you must walk alone. Regret not the doors that close in your face. God is making it very clear to you that you are not to go there. He wants what I want for you and that is absolutely nothing But the **very** best.

We love you April!



*It has been a pleasure to watch you grow
into a phenomenal woman. We are so
proud of you!*

Your Ohana



Shana Leinaala O Pakalana Scott



John 14:14

John 14:15

*You have brought
sunshine into our
life.*



*Congratulations
Shana! We are
proud of you!
The Roomies*



THE GATEWAY TO DESTINY

Our entrance into the Bearden Gate as a freshmen signifies our entrance into a legacy of great women. As seniors our exit through these gates marks the beginning of our sojourn, inducing the labor of our legacies. As we move into our respective seasons of life, let us not forget the struggle we have endured this year; never forget the strength this year's trials have wrought in us. Seasons change in order that we may continue the cycle of replenishment and restoration. Believe it or not this has been our season of rest and preparation. Our work has not yet begun!

Now that legacy has been conceived, it is incumbent upon us that we guard and nurture it so that it will not be a legacy of decadence. Let us end this school year better than we were when it began. We have left our marks, now we must carve out a vision. Ladies, our destiny awaits...

Monica V. Hunt



Colophon

This book is 8 1/2 x 11 with a press run of 600 copies. The book is printed on 80 pound gloss enamel paper. The Belle was printed by Herff Jones Publishing Company of Charlotte, North Carolina represented by Kaye Miller of Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

The cover is a four color lithograph mounted on 160 point cross laminated binders board and is smyth sewn, rounded and backed. The cover was designed by the Herff Jones art department. The endsheets are printed in black ink on gray colortext paper.

Thirty pages are printed using four color process. All pages and endsheets were designed by the Bennett College yearbook staff under the direction of Bill Miller.



